

However, the wounded horse was easily explained when Captain Wall reported that on the way to the Indian reservation they had stopped in Strawberry Valley to prepare a meal. They had tied their horses to trees and left the saddles on them, and their guns tied to the saddles. One horse tried to roll over and the gun on its saddle discharged, killing one horse and wounding John Acomb's horse so that it couldn't be used. The wounded horse was turned loose, and in a few days wandered into Heber to cause wonderment and alarm among the people.

Captain Wall's efforts with Chief Tabby appeased the Indians in Provo Valley to a great extent, though some raiding still existed. Men were not allowed to go into the canyons to work without being in a company of at least 10, one of whom was placed on guard. Drums were used to signal.

Bishop Joseph S. Murdock also aided greatly in keeping peace in Wasatch County. He had reared an Indian girl and subsequently married her, and because of this was favorably known among the Indians. He exerted much influence to stop the Indians from stealing and killing.

In 1867 Bishop Murdock invited Chief Tabby and some of the lesser chiefs to Heber, along with their squaws and papooses. An ox was killed and a big feast prepared in a specially built bowery. All the Indians seemed to enjoy the feast and went back to the reservation carrying a part of the beef, along with flour, bacon and other good things. This event is credited with creating much good will, for few raids were made after that in Wasatch County. However, the war continued strong in other parts of the state until 1868 when peace was achieved. At least 70 white persons lost their lives in the fighting, and countless numbers of Indians also died.

With a peace pact agreed upon, some settlers from outlying communities began to return to their former homes. However, many had become established in Heber City and decided to stay on, adding their strength to the county's largest community.

By 1868 the city was well on its way to solidarity. The Church was continuing to give the strength that it had brought to the community since the beginning; business and industry were beginning to flourish; education had been making new strides in the East and West schools, civil government was becoming separated from Church leadership, and cultural events were playing a leading role in the lives of the people.

These significant areas of achievement in Heber City will be traced in the five following chapters.

William Wall
and his five wives,
Nancy, Erma,
Elizabeth, Suzie,
and Sarah



